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Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above entitled SYSTEMS, DEVICES AND METHODS FOR SUTURING PATIENT TISSUE are the following:

1. Part B – Fee Transmittal (1 page)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (1 page)
3. Corrected Drawings (20 sheets, Figs 1A – 28B).

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**NOTICE OF DRAFTSPERSON'S PATENT DRAWING REVIEW**

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The drawing(s) filed (insert date) 11/06/2000 are:  
 approved by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152.  
 objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 for the reasons indicated below. Corrected drawings are required.

<b>1. DRAWINGS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(a): Acceptable categories of drawings: Black ink or Color (3 sets required). <input type="checkbox"/> Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted. Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil and non black ink not permitted. Fig(s)	<b>8. ARRANGEMENT OF VIEWS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(i) <input type="checkbox"/> Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right side, except for graphs. Fig(s)
<b>2. PHOTOGRAPHS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(b) <input type="checkbox"/> One (1) full-tone set is required. Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Photographs may not be mounted. 37 CFR 1.84(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Photographs must meet paper size requirements of 37 CFR 1.84(f). Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s)	<b>9. SCALE.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(k) <input type="checkbox"/> Scale not large enough to show mechanism without crowding when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction. Fig(s)
<b>3. TYPE OF PAPER.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Paper not flexible, strong, white, and durable. Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s)	<b>10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, &amp; LETTERS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(l) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined, clean, durable, and black (poor line quality). Fig(s) 1-28.
<b>4. SIZE OF PAPER.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes: 21.0 cm by 29.7 cm (DIN size A4) or 21.6 cm by 27.9 cm (8 1/2x 11 inches) <input type="checkbox"/> All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawings sheets not an acceptable size. Fig(s)	<b>11. SHADING.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(m) <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black areas pale. Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black shading not permitted. Fig(s)
<b>5. MARGINS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins: Top 2.5 cm Left 2.5 cm Right 1.5 cm Bottom 1.0 cm <input type="checkbox"/> Margins not acceptable. Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Top (T)      Left (L) <input type="checkbox"/> Right (R)      Bottom (B)	<b>12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, &amp; REFERENCE CHARACTERS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(p) <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Figure legends are poor. Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers and reference characters not oriented in the same direction as the view. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(1) Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Numbers, letters and reference characters must be at least 32 cm (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(3). Fig(s)
<b>6. VIEWS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(h) REMINDER: Specification may require revision to correspond to drawing changes, e.g., if Fig. 1 is changed to Fig. 1A, Fig 1B and Fig. 1C, etc., the specification, at the Brief Description of the Drawings, must likewise be changed. <input type="checkbox"/> Views not labeled separately or properly. Fig(s)	<b>13. LEAD LINES.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(q) <input type="checkbox"/> Lead lines missing. Fig(s)
<b>7. SECTIONAL VIEWS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(h)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> Sectional designation should be noted with Arabic or Roman numbers. Fig(s)	<b>14. NUMBERING OF SHEETS OF DRAWINGS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(t) <input type="checkbox"/> Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numbers beginning with number 1. Sheet(s)
	<b>15. NUMBERING OF VIEWS.</b> 37 CFR 1.84(u) <input type="checkbox"/> Views not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Fig(s)
	<b>16. DESIGN DRAWINGS.</b> 37 CFR 1.152 <input type="checkbox"/> Surface shading shown not appropriate. Fig(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Solid black surface shading is not permitted except when used to represent the color black as well as color contrast. Fig(s)

**COMMENTS:**

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